

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

storing, by a client, at least one first certificate from an authorizer;

storing, by the client, a universal resource identifier (URI) associated with both the at least one first certificate and a third party;

providing, by the client to the third party, at least one second certificate and the universal resource identifier (URI); [[and]]

determining by the client if the third party's delegated ability to use the at least one first certificate is authorized; and

if the third party's delegated ability to use the at least one first certificate is determined to be authorized;

providing, by the client directly to the authorizer, the at least one first certificate, in response to the authorizer accessing the universal resource identifier (URI), wherein the first certificate is provided to the authorizer without interaction between the client and the third party with regard to the first certificate;

wherein the client retains control over the third party's use of the at least one first certificate;

otherwise if the third party's delegated ability to use the at least one first certificate is determined to be not authorized;

not providing, by the client to the authorizer, the at least one first certificate.

2. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:

providing, by the client to the third party, a third certificate with a short-term usage, upon demand by the authorizer.

3. (Original) The method as recited in claim 2, wherein the third certificate is a one-time use certificate.

4. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:
 authenticating, by the client, the authorizer, upon the authorizer accessing the universal resource identifier (URI).
5. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:
 limiting, by the client, the third party's use of the at least one first certificate.
6. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:
 tracking, by the client, the third party's use of the at least one first certificate.
7. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the contents of the at least one first certificate are not revealed to the third party.
8. (Cancelled)
9. ((Currently Amended) A method comprising:
 receiving, by a client, a first certificate from an authorizer;
 generating, by the client, a universal resource identifier (URI) associated with both the first certificate and a third party;
 providing, by the client to the third party, a second certificate and the universal resource identifier (URI); and
 providing, by the client directly to the authorizer, the first certificate, in response to the authorizer accessing the universal resource identifier (URI), upon the third party providing the second certificate and universal resource identifier (URI) to the authorizer, wherein the first certificate is provided to the authorizer without interaction between the client and the third party with regard to the first certificate;

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9, wherein the third party provides the second certificate and universal resource identifier (URI) to the authorizer in an extensible Markup language (XML) signature.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the first and second certificates are Simple Public Key Infrastructure (SPKI) certificates.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9, further comprising:
granting access to the third party, wherein the granting is performed by the authorizer and allows the third party to access a protected resource of the authorizer.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9, further comprising:
tracking, by the client, at least one use of the second certificate.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9, further comprising:
revoking, by the client, the second certificate.

15 - 20. (Canceled)